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## Knife River Indian Villages NHS News Release

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### Flint Knap-In to be Held at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

Stanton, ND: Flint knapping was an important skill practiced for thousands of years at the Knife River Villages. Native artisans favored the durable Knife River flint which was quarried 60 miles west of the villages and traded across North America. Today, flint knappers keep this ancient craft alive by sharing their knowledge at special events across the country.

Join us for the Flint Knap-In at Knife River Indian Villages NHS on Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 9:00-4:00 p.m. CDT. Wade Haakenson, Loyd Griswold, Bill Ihm, and Marv Becher will demonstrate the ancient art by making flint arrowheads, knife blades, and spear points. Visitors will have the opportunity to watch the demonstrations, interact with the knappers, and try their hand at shaping flint into tools.

Superintendent Wendy Ross says, "Visitors will have a glimpse into an activity commonly seen in historic village life. This is a great chance for people to see how knapping styles, techniques, and creativity differ between artisans."

The Knap-In is the park's first special event this summer season. All of the events at the park are free. Other events scheduled for the summer include Kid's Camp, Music for the Villages, and Hands on History. Knife River Indian Villages NHS is located ½ mile north of Stanton on County Road 37. For more information, please contact the park at 701-745-3300.

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